ABSTRACT

A software function switching method and a system using the same that allows the user to set and operate a group of keys in an input unit as the hotkey sequence for switching and opening the sub-menu functions of application software. The user only needs to repeatedly press the first key of the hotkey sequence, and then intermittently press the second key of the hotkey sequence to send the input signals via the input unit into a data processing system. This method and system instructs the data processing system to count the number of times the user has pressed the hotkey, and, according to the count value, diagrams on the display unit corresponding to the sub-menu functions of the application software are sequentially switched and opened. When switched to the diagram for the sub-menu function that the user wishes to open, the first key of the hotkey is released, and the sub-menu function represented by the diagram can be opened. This allows the user to sequentially switch to and open every sub-menu function of the application software using only a set of hotkeys.